THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The details of export of rice, both in quantity and value, for the last three years are as under:

(Quantity in lakh MTs, Value in Rs. Crore)

Particular	2006-07		2007-08		2008-09	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Basmati Rice	10.45	2793	11.83	4344	15.56	9477
Non-Basmati Rice	37.02	4243	52.86	7410	9.49	1691

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir, The Government has not allowed GM trials, in the areas of proximity to Basmati growing areas as there is a need to preserve its Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). There is no Commercial production of GM Rice in India.

Relaxation of minimum area stipulation for SEZs in Kerala

1375. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested for relaxation in the minimum area stipulation for Special Economic Zones in the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A request has since received from Government of Kerala to include Kerala in the list of Special Status States that are eligible for relaxed area requirements for setting up Special Economic Zones.

(c) No decision in the matter has since been taken.

NID in Himachal Pradesh

1376. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Institute of Design (NID) in the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up more such institutes in the country particularly in Himachal Pradesh during Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the new NIDs are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) At present there is only one National Institute of Design (NID) functioning from three campuses at Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar in Gujarat and at Bengaluru in Karnataka.